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Attending: Paula Plante, John Kopec, Kim McTighe, Earl Middleton and Alan Slobodien Guest: Melisa Luginbuhl

- 1. Kim provided an update on SSNAP (Students Seeking New Achievements Positively) a group focused on healthy decisions. SSNAP students celebrated Alcohol Awareness Week with a variety of prevention activities at RHS. Outreach to elementary students to write stay safe prom messages was one of these activities and resulted in 250 message cards being sent to RHS students attending the Junior Prom. Many other valuable activities were conducted as well and Kim will ask SSNAP representatives to present their work to the Town Council at its June 5th meeting.
- 2. Melisa updated those present with regard to the regional media campaign that ERASE is organizing via its contract with Co-Lab a media consulting group. "Parent First" was the theme presented to the ERASE communities and accepted. This theme will be woven into print and electronic media and will be ready for use in September.
- 3. Use of Local Prevention Council funds to support the regional media campaign in the amount of \$2,500 was approved by those present. Alan noted that the Council will need to make funding decisions for the 2012-12 fiscal year at its September meeting. This grant has traditionally been \$4,245 with no increases or decreased anticipated. Vernon will also have access to the Drug Free Communities Grant to support its work in the amount of \$3,600 and the STOP Grant in the amount of \$3,000.
- 4. YSB Report was given as follows:
 - The Summer Nutrition (free lunch) program will operate 4 sites this summer. Park West Apartments is the newest site and joins the Henry Park, Talcott Park and Maple Street School sites. The program operates between June 25th -August 23rd.
 - The YSB will oversee the summer youth employment program. 20 slots have been allocated to Vernon through CREC. The possibility of 5-6 locally funded slots exists. Kim McTighe will manage this program. The program begins on July 3rd.
 - Hartford Foundation for Public Giving awarded the VCN a three-year \$235,000 grant to implement the Vernon Community Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm following item #4 discussion.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2012 - 2:15pm @ RHS Library